Licensed Contractors in LPG Bottling Plant

1011. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Licensed Contractors in LPG Bottling Plant at Suchi Pind, Jalandhar;

(b) the jobs entrusted to these contractors;

(c) the number of jobs done in the Plant Shed and number of jobs done within 15 metres area of the Plant;

(d) whether it is a fact that in similar plants in other States the IOC is getting the jobs done through permanent labour; if so, the details thereof;

(e) what are the amenities and facilities available to the contract workers of LPG bottling plant at Jalandhar;

(f) whether any inspection has been made in the plant to verify whether VASUDEVAN COMMITTEE's recommendations, accepted by the IOC, are being implemented; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 3 (three).

(b) and (c) As per IOC, the jobs entrusted to these contractors are handling of empty/filled cylinders, house-keeping, grass cutting/gardening and handling of other materials.

(d) It is reported by IOC that no permanent labour is engaged in other plants for carrying out such jobs except at Kalyani Bottling Plant in West Bengal where cylinder handling is done by permanent workers.

(e) Various amenities like rest rooms, canteens, toilets, etc. provided at the Plant are being availed by the contract labour workers.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. As reported by IOC, inspections are being carried out.

Flaring of Gas in Assam

1012. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been prepared to stop the unabated flaring up of the natural gas in Assam;

(b) whether any subsidised down-stream ancillary industry is being mooted by Government for the educated unemployed in Assam; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the financial help therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Installation of compressors at Lakwa, Geleki and Rudrasagar, storage of gas in sub-surface reservoirs, and efforts to increase utilisation of gas by various consumers to whom gas been allocated, or by alternative consumers on a fall-back basis, are some of the steps being taken to stop the flaring of gas in Assam.

(b) In so far as the Ministry of Patroleum is concerned, there is no such scheme under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Deputing an Executive at Parliament House Reception

1013. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation has deputed a Senior Executive of the rank of Additional Divisonal Manager at Parliament House Reception Counter for receiving complaints from MPs regarding delay in Indane Gas supply whereas such assignment could be handled by an assistant, thus services of such high rank official could be utilised for more productive work under MPs economic drive programme, if so, by when changes are likely to be made; and

(b) what are the details of complaints the Indian Oil Corpn. received at Parliament House Reception Counter from MPs for the delay in Indane Gas supply during the current Budget Session ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Oil industry is running a Consumer Service Cell during Parliament Sessions for the benefit of the Hon'ble Members of Parliament. Normally requests are received by the Cell for refills only from Member of Parliament.

Wastage of Petroleum Products

1014. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as much as 25 per cent of the petroleum products are being wasted or sub-optimally used; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any strategy to harness the petroleum resources to the optimum and to give a thrust to the entire field of oil-conservation has been or is being worked out, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Some Working Groups have estimated the potential of conservation of energy including petroleum products to be 20% to 30% in the major sectors.

(b) Various measures under implementation to promote conservation of petroleum products include mass awareness campaigns, imparting of education and training to the target groups of oil users, promoting use of fuel-efficient devices/equipment and upgraded lubricants, initiating action in the newly identified areas, encouraging use of alternative fuels and reducing wastages as well as wasteful use of petroleum products. Increasing the effectiveness of these measures in a continuing effort.

Investment on Flaring of Gas

1015. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ONGC proposes to invest nearly Rs. 2000 crores to cap flaring of gas at the Bombay High;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether there have been serious apprehensions on the implementation of the project; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) ONGC are implementing a Gas Flaring Reduction Project in the West Offshore region, which is estimated to cost approx. Rs. 7500 crores.

(c) to (d) There is no cause for apprehension about completion of the Projects on schedule subject to financing arrangement materialising in time.

Bottlenecks in the Commissioning of Ramgarh Gas Thermal Power Project

1016. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the main bottleneck in the commissioning of Ramgarh Gas Thermal Power Project for which communications have been received on 14th August, 1991, 11th December, 1991 and 18th January, 1992 is the revision revalidation of gas price and initiation of the work for laying the gas pipeline and renovation of the gas wells etc. pending revalidation gas price;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken so far in this regard; and

(c) whether any decision to convene a meeting at Ministry level between ONGC, GAIL, RSEB and State Government to finalise all the pending issues regarding